



# MARKSMAN



## Mission Statement:

Celebrating God's love and forgiveness, we serve others.

## Core Values:

Prayer, Accessibility, Service, Communication, Education, Worship, Youth, Healthy, Relationships

## Our Vision:

Following Jesus' example "we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, nurse the sick, and visit the imprisoned as we see Jesus in the faces of those we serve. "

August 2009

As we move into the future, and begin to live into the vision God has for St. Mark's, I'd like each of us to keep a few questions in mind. The answer to these questions will likely be different for each of us, but I pray, we'll come closer to consensus as the years go by.

Who are we?  
Whose are we?  
What are we?  
Why do we do what we do?  
Where are we?  
What is our purpose (s)?  
Who are we here for?  
What do you see in our future?  
How do you see us getting to that future?

The answers may seem simple, but when you begin to seriously discuss these questions with others, you'll see there are a variety of replies; some of which may surprise you.

The Bible reveals to us, that we have been Called, we are Gathered, and then Sent.

We've been Called by God to be his children, to live according to his will.

We Gather in order to worship, be fed and nourished, and fellowship with the Family.

And then, the part most Christians seem to miss; we are Sent.

Being SENT does not mean we all have to leave our community, state, country or continent. Someone has to GO, but not everyone must. The disciples were sent first, to share the Good News of Jesus, with those where they were living; Jerusalem.

Those who are gifted, empowered and sense a call to minister elsewhere should be supported and encouraged by those who do ministry at home. Those who do ministry elsewhere need to support and appreciate those who minister to those needs at home.

That said, let each of us remember, that each of us is SENT out to ministry where we work, at school, and where we play. Being sent can be as simple as being ready to share the name of Jesus wherever you are.

God's blessings to each of you,  
Pastor Ron

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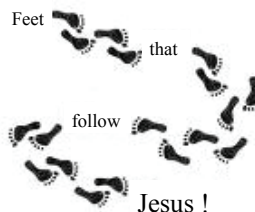
The time for remembering is almost over as we begin planning for the fall but I couldn't move on without thanking everyone who has helped with educating and loving our children and youth.

The list of those involved is too long to mention by name but each contribution of time, effort and money is special and greatly appreciated.

As always, Vacation Bible School required the help of many and as always finding generous helpers was no problem.

St. Mark's never ceases to amaze me with the number of people who are willing to throw themselves into a task whose only reward is in helping someone else. Naturally, with this sort of collaborative effort, VBS was a success again.

We had lots of new little faces and just as many familiar ones. The one thing they all seemed to have in common was a smile.



Now it's time to start planning. Do you have ideas? Seen something you like or dislike? Want to know if there is a role for you? Have comments? Suggestions?

Let me know what you're thinking so we can do something. There are a thousand ways to help and the smallest comments have led to some of the biggest acts.

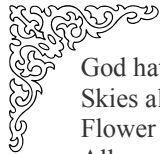
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??? LOVE TO SING ???



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

New group starting in September  
Be watching for more details

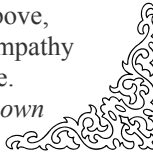


God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways  
All our lives through.

God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love.

Author Unknown



Since both our Mission Statement and our Vision Statement contain the phrase, "we serve", I would enjoy hearing how you show your love and care for our community by serving others beyond St. Mark's.

I know that many of you serve our community in a variety of ways...delivering Meals-on-Wheels, volunteering in hospitals, helping our military and their families, assisting the physically challenged, serving as docents, reading to students, being a mentor, providing transportation to appointments, volunteering at a homeless shelter, or ?.

Please complete the following and return it either through the offering plate or the church office.

Next month I'll publish the list of the community organizations and groups served (no names).

I know your service to our community is greatly appreciated. And your service to the Lord is truly a blessing, whether in the community or on our campus.

Nancy Dreesen  
Council President

Tammy Lower Announces  
**Foreclosure Workshop**

**August 20, 2009**

6:30 pm in Jacobson Hall

A community Service Free of charge

**J. Alan Enochs**

Attorney at Law - 619-694-4693

**Workshop Highlights**

Foreclosure Process - important Dead-  
lines

Rights/Obligations - Alternatives  
Evaluating Alternatives - Foreclosure  
Fraud

**Tell a friend**

**REMEMBER YOUR SHOPPING LIST  
FOR PROJECT HAND**

- Oatmeal and Cold Cereals
- Powdered Milk
- Pop Tarts
- Dried Fruits, Canned Fruits
- Applesauce
- Juices**
- Bread
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Soups
- Saltine Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti/Pasta Sauces
- Pasta
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, etc)
- Casserole makings –  
add the cream of soups,  
peas or canned vegetables  
and pasta/rice along  
with the canned meat
- Beans (any size - can be divided)
- Rice (any size - can be divided)
- Non-perishable boxed items
- Prepared canned meals
- Top Ramen soups
- Misc.**
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Baby Food and Formula
- Plastic Grocery Bags

**NOTE: Please**  
no outdated items or dented cans

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Bath Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Combs and Brushes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization served \_\_\_\_\_

I serve as \_\_\_\_\_

**We  
Serv**

**TACO'S 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in July (& August)**

Merry Christmas! The Third Avenue Charitable Organization's (TACO) Christmas in July is in full swing!

TACO is raising money to purchase 250 sleeping bags. Once the money is raised, the sleeping bags will be purchased in bulk from Big 5. These sleeping bags will then be filled with goodies, wrapped, and given to the homeless and low income of downtown San Diego the Friday before Christmas.

Each gift of a sleeping bag and goodies will cost \$25. You can help make someone's Christmas brighter by contributing to this cause!

Make checks payable to "TACO" with "Christmas in July" in the memo line.

TACO, through First Lutheran Church, is a non-profit charity that serves the homeless, elderly, and working poor primarily in downtown San Diego.

Offerings include free meals, free medical, dental, and acupuncture clinics, a free legal project, a program for those who are homeless and terminally ill, as well as free mental health counseling to any and all who come.

Through the support of over 35 congregations like yours in this area, we are able to continue this mission. Thank you for your generosity!

Rachel Line  
TACO Volunteer Coordinator



**Prayer Quilting Corner**

Roz Nelson

We are blessed to be a blessing to so many! We would like to invite you to join us on a Prayer Quilting Saturday - come check us out - no experience with sewing necessary! We need helping hands and hearts to put quilts together, iron, put in ties, sew and so much more.

We meet one Saturday a month for quilting and fellowship - from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jacobson Hall. Lunch is provided.

Come for part or all of the time and bring a friend.

**PRAYER QUILTING SATURDAY DATES**

put them on your calendar:

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Dealing with Elderly Parents** (by Pastor John)

I have some books that many of you with elderly parents (or those of you who are growing older) might find helpful. There are lots of questions about the kinds of problems that we face as we age and the types of care available. Most of us avoid thinking about or dealing with them until some crisis forces them upon us. It is better stewardship to prepare for those questions before they are thrust upon us.

I have purchased three copies of a very good book about those issues. It is called "Mom, Dad ... Can We Talk?". Written by a retired Elder-care specialist from the May Clinic, Dick Edwards, it discusses both the topics that many of us need to address and ways of talking about them with parents and one's children. Through short reports about how real people dealt with those issues,

Edwards also helps readers come to grips with the emotions and the range of family dynamics that arise when facing these problems. If you want to look at a copy, just let me know. The only obligation is to return when you are finished with it so that I can share it with others.

A donation from

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to benefit the 2009 Christmas in July fundraiser sponsored by TACO.

All donations are tax deductible. A receipt will be sent to you.

Contributions may be given to Jim Lovell, Ladonna Piper, Rachel Line or mailed to:

TACO  
1420 Third Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101

Thank you very much for your generosity!



**TAPE MINISTRY...  
Is now the CD Ministry.**

St. Mark's has purchased 10 new CD players

Thanks to Dave Wilcox we are now making CD recordings of the Sunday service. The quality of the audio recordings has been greatly improved.

If you know any St. Mark's members who are not able to come to Church and would like to receive a CD please contact

Dave or Betty Wilson:  
Phone 6563902.



**Five families to pray for:  
August 2009**

Shirley Cook  
Jennifer Cordonier  
Tom & Margie Cordonier  
Dennis, Sherri, Kit  
& Corey Coughlin  
Billy & Shirley Cox

**Church Attendance**

6/09 6/08

Week 1 -	284	259
Week 2 -	251	249
Week 3 -	261	207
Week 4 -	218	247
Week 5 -	n/a	237
<b>Total</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>1199</b>

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

PASTOR SEIBER (619) 575-7212

Pastor John Sieber is our Visitation Pastor, tending to the member and friends of St. Mark's who are homebound.

If you or someone you know has a need and would like a visit from Pastor John, please call the church office at (619) 427-5515.

Please keep these people in your prayers. Remembering that most of them might appreciate visits from you.



Visitation Ministry

Rocky Beebe	Florence Harris	Arthur Mosen
Betty Burgess	Peter Honrud	Clyde Supri
Kaho Chester	Esther Kort	Ken Voight
Helen Dearmin	Olive Kramp	Jack Wahlquist
Carol Graham	Lorrie Malonne	Verna Werstlein
		Nora West
		Bob Whittier

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